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MEXICO IN PLOT TO SECURE ARMS

Shipment of Goods to Europe
and Then Back to Amer-
ica Was Plan.

MADRID, April 27. — With the embargo on the shipment of arms and ammunition from the United States to Mexico, an ingenious plan recently has been brought to light for the shipment of such munitions of war from the United States to Europe, and their transshipment from Europe to Mexico. By this roundabout route the arms could get to Mexico without crossing the United States-Mexican border, where they would have been detained by American customs officers.

The plan has required a system of agents acting in Mexico, the United States, England and Spain, the route designed for the shipments being from the United States to England, from England to Spain, and from Spain, by one of the steamer lines operating to Central and South American ports, to one of the Atlantic ports of Mexico. Whether any shipments via England and Spain actually got through is not known, as the plan was disclosed and checked when the London link in the roundabout chain got into difficulties over the use of code messages dealing with the shipments.

In the course of the inquiry, the attention of the British military censors was attracted to several cablegrams from Mexican military officials. These did not appear on their face to deal with orders for arms, words being used to take the place of arms and munitions. While the exact words of the code are not known, the messages from Mexico ran something like this: "Send 200 cases apples and 5,000 rounds potatoes."

When the receiver of the dispatches was interrogated by the authorities, he stated the shipments referred to arms, intended to be brought from the United States to England, then shipped to Spain, and thence to Mexico. The transaction was stopped as involving an irregular use of code messages. The question of the shipment of arms did not arise, as shipments to Mexico did not at the time appear to have any bearing on the European war. Incidentally, however, it disclosed the roundabout route from the United States to Mexico via England and Spain, but gave no indication as to how far the route had been put to use outside of the transaction stopped by suspicion of the code telegrams.

Principal Military Factors of China



GEN. C. I. FU & GEN. S. Y. CHONG

China is ready to enter the world war in behalf of the entente allies at any moment. The modern Chinese army, although not large, is equal, man for man and in equipment, to any army now engaged in the conflict. This photograph was especially posed for by Gen. C. I. Fu and Gen. S. Y. Chong, two of the principal military factors of the Chinese republic.

The Tide of Labor

From the Farm to the Factory—When Will It Swing Back Again?

With a disgusted smile, John Smith laid down the monthly review of labor statistics of the U. S. department of labor. "Why does the government get out these senseless publications?" he said. "Here are pages of mussy figures that mean nothing. I think I will write the department of labor to take my name off their list. This stuff is not worth mailing." Uncle Charlie picked up the offending periodical and looked at the article. "John," said he after a moment, "this is really interesting. 'I'm from Missouri,' snorted the practical father. 'Show me something.' 'All right, John. Listen to one story I see in these tables.

"A husky farm laborer, Dan Jones worked from early dawn to 'plumb dark' for Farmer Johnson, on a fine place in Ohio. Dan thought he earned more than Johnson paid—being human. Besides, being an average man anyway, Dan was getting—this was in 1915—only \$12.50 a month in real money, besides board. Like any other human creature, Dan did not realize what the board was worth. But he could remember that his pay had risen only \$1.80 a month since 1910. Dan couldn't see much in that, especially when on Saturday markets he contemplated the shiny red tan shoes in King's store in

town, now marked '\$5.00 a pair,' and thought of Sunday meeting, the only amusement of the countryside, and Mary Harper.

Demand in City

The weekly Banner reported a big demand for workers in the new automobile plant in the city. So Dan quite one Saturday night, and Monday found him in the line of applicants at the factory door. And Dan wasn't the only country boy there. Sixteen out of every hundred farm laborers did as Dan did, this year, John," said Uncle Charlie, interrupting himself. "That's bad, Charlie. Will the farmers be able to plant as much ground with so many leaving?" "I am afraid not, John. The reports indicate two per cent less cultivation this year. But let me go on with my interpretation of this table. Dan took his sister with him to the city, and another country boy went along. Della got a job in a cotton manufacturing plant, and Sam landed in a shoe factory. They took those jobs because they could soon learn the work, while Dan, being ambitious and having a 'turn' for machinery, stuck to his plan and was hired by the automobile company. That was a year ago. Now, Dan, Della and Sam are city people. They are pale and not so strong. Their evenings are filled with amusements, movies, walks in the bright lights, visits with other young workers, sometimes a bit of beer or some other relaxation. Even ambitious Dan has lost his first determination to work for the future. The spirit of resignation or the poor is eating their vitality. And here are some of their experiences written in this report:

"Della is one among 53,242 who were working February last. The pay roll is bigger than when she started in. The average was \$9.00 a week then, it is \$19.70 now. 'Sam gets a little more pay now, \$14.37, against \$12.98 a year ago. There are 69,226 in the factories reporting; a year before there were 66,499. The shoe business is looking up.

"Dan gets \$21.72 a week, and a year ago it was \$19.31. There are 111,971 in those factories now, where 93,555 worked a year ago.

The Real Situation

"But how much better off are Dan, Della and Sam, really?" "The factories pay more to their workers; the payroll increase runs from 10 to 28 percent. More workers are busy, as many as one in five more in some kinds of industry, and many of them came from the farm, which works to reduce the supply of food for us all, and to increase the cost of living. And listen to Della: 'Dan, she is saying, 'I think we had better stayed on the farm. You get the biggest pay of the three of us, almost \$30 a month. Your pay would be only \$25.50 on the farm, but look what it costs us to eat. A \$5 bill just melts down when it meets the grocery man. Back home you got your meals with the job, and so did Sam and I. There are four men in that automobile factory where three worked last year, and nine in my mill where eight worked when I came in, but none of us are as well off. Dan, let's go home.'

"But Dan won't go. He doesn't want to let Mary Harper think he failed. 'Now, John, look at those tables again. 'Boots and shoes, 55 establishments were asked for reports; 63 replied. They pay every week. 56,499 worked for them in February, 1916; 60,226 in February, 1917. That means that 6.6 per cent more were working in 1917 than in 1916; and

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the payroll figures show that it cost 18 percent more to pay them. In other words, this table shows the rising cost of labor in the industries reporting, and the increasing number of workers employed in the industries that have reported. Thirteen industries have reported, the percentage of employed rose in every one except cotton manufacturing, which lost 1.2 percent and woolen, which lost less than 1 percent, while iron and steel worked 21 percent more and automobile plants 19.7 percent more. Payrolls rose everywhere, 37.8 percent in iron and steel, 33.9 percent in automobiles, 29.8 percent in leather working, 23.6 percent in paper making. In each of these trades thousands of Dells and Dells and Sams are tolling. These figures are the short and simple annals of the poor, brother John. They are worth reading. But you have to read with your imagination as well as your eyes, then you will find them full of information."

FIND MYSTERY IN TRUNK

Heirs of Civil War Fighter Will Share in Fortune.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 27.—A wide search is being made for the heirs of the late Gen. D. C. McCallum, of the union army, which laid Atlanta in ashes in 1864. Railroad and industrial securities said to be worth \$100,000, together with military papers of the general, were found in a trunk here that had been brought from New York by a Russian junk dealer. The documents are being held by Leonard J. Grossman, an attorney. The papers in the old battered trunk had lain in a New York attic for many years. Some of the military documents bear the signatures of Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson and other federal officers of war times and the reconstruction period.

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MISSOURI, Mont., April 27.—A college man should have an annual income of \$2,000 to \$3,000 before he marries, in the opinion of many students at the University of Montana who have written on "The Cost of a Home."

soaring to unprecedented heights, is it any wonder that a fellow has no great desire to marry?" asks one writer. "Times have changed since father went courting."

"If I loved a man I'd marry him, though he be a poor farmer or a multi-millionaire," wrote one co-ed.

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